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SENATE BILL 6181

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By Senators McDermott, Oemig, Fairley, and Kohl-Welles

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1            AN ACT Relating to county canvassing board membership; and  
2 amending RCW 29A.60.140.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 29A.60.140 and 2005 c 274 s 250 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) Members of the county canvassing board are the county auditor,  
7 who is the chair, the county prosecuting attorney, and the chair of the  
8 county legislative body. If a member of the board is not available to  
9 carry out the duties of the board, then the auditor may designate a  
10 deputy auditor, the prosecutor may designate a deputy prosecuting  
11 attorney, and the chair of the county legislative body may designate  
12 another member of the county legislative body or, in a home rule  
13 charter county, an employee of the legislative body who reports  
14 directly to the chair. Any such designation may be made on an  
15 election-by-election basis or may be on a permanent basis until revoked  
16 by the designating authority. Any such designation must be in writing,  
17 and if for a specific election, must be filed with the county auditor  
18 not later than the day before the first day duties are to be undertaken  
19 by the canvassing board. If the designation is permanent until revoked

1 by the designating authority, then the designation must be on file in  
2 the county auditor's office no later than the day before the first day  
3 the designee is to undertake the duties of the canvassing board.

4 (2) The county canvassing board may adopt rules that delegate in  
5 writing to the county auditor or the county auditor's staff the  
6 performance of any task assigned by law to the canvassing board.

7 (3) The county canvassing board may not delegate the responsibility  
8 of certifying the returns of a primary or election, of determining the  
9 validity of challenged ballots, or of determining the validity of  
10 provisional ballots referred to the board by the county auditor.

11 (4) The county canvassing board shall adopt administrative rules to  
12 facilitate and govern the canvassing process in that jurisdiction.

13 (5) Meetings of the county canvassing board are public meetings  
14 under chapter 42.30 RCW. All rules adopted by the county canvassing  
15 board must be adopted in a public meeting under chapter 42.30 RCW, and  
16 once adopted must be available to the public to review and copy under  
17 chapter 42.56 RCW.

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